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## Coming Events

- **February 2**  
Equipping the Saints, Victoria, 8:30am—4pm
- **February 10**  
Reception of new members, following worship service
- **February 24**  
Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship service
- **March 3**  
Stewardship Stew
- **March 6**  
Ash Wednesday

## Congregational Council Officers and Committee Chairmen elected at January 6 meeting

Following worship on Sunday, January 6, council met to elect officers. Eva Nell Griffith was elected president, Sherry Sanders was elected vice president, and Brenda Bade was elected secretary, forming our new executive committee. Committee liaisons were then appointed with Ashford Taylor for Property, Trey Wimberly for Stewardship and Finance,

Brenda Bade and Leslie Wunsch for Christian Education, Linda Koehler for Worship and Music, Terrell Wiggins for Safety and Security, and Sherry Sanders for Outreach. The congregational council members ask for your continued support as they strive to lead St. Peter's as we continue to grow in faith, worship, and service.

## Equipping the Saints presents 2019 event: We Are The Church Together

Equipping the Saints is being hosted by Christ the Victor Lutheran Church in Victoria on Saturday, February 2, starting with registration and hospitality hour at 8:30a.m. and closing with worship service at 4p.m. The theme for the Bluebonnet Conference ETS is "We Are The Church Together."

How can we be the Church in the world? How can our congregations better "make disciples"? Our God is calling us to love and serve all our diverse neighbors. It is important to engage our neighbors within our various communities. We are called to love one another, pray for one another, forgive one another, encourage one another, and put up with one another. Our work extends to persons within our congregations, but also to our communities and beyond.

Rural, suburban and urban congregations experience struggles to be sustainable and vital communities of faith. But our God who creates

something out of nothing and who brings life from death is making all things new, and empowers our work together as the Church. We must be able to adapt to changing circumstances; develop more effective strategies in ministering to and connecting with our communities; increase the vitality and sustainability of congregations in rural, small town and metropolitan contexts; and identify ways we can cooperate and collaborate in doing Christ's work.

Equipping the Saints with its many workshops provides important insights and Biblically-based practical tools to equip persons to do congregation and community ministry and mission. Workshop offerings also include opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, table fellowship (catered meal) with Christians of area congregations, child care for young children of attendees, and the experience of worship as the body of Christ.

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*St. Peter's mission is to grow as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.*

## Council: giving and fellowship

St. Peter's Congregation Council met for a short meeting in December. The newly revised and updated Policies and Procedures Manuals were handed out to all 2019 council members present.

It was decided that Memorial Fund Distributions would be brought to the congregational council by the Stewardship and Finance Committee as they are the liaison between Memorial Fund Committee and council.

Eva Nell reported on the success of the Christmas program put on by the Sunday school in Christian Ed. and Youth news. She also reported that Julie Franke will be the 2019 VBS director and Shelby Foster has volunteered to take over the college connection duties.

In the Outreach report, Terrell Wiggins stated that Christmas caroling went well as did the latest nursing home service. He reported the congregation is collecting gifts for a needy family and council decided to use funds from local benevolence to fund a gift card for that family, and they voted to use local benevolence to send a Bible, Guidepost subscription, and a little extra money to an inmate in prison.

David Bowman reported he is working with Debbie Foster on the church banner and Kenneth Brand reported a very good turnout for the latest highway trash pickup. It was also noted that Alvin DeForest has volunteered to help with the safety door modifications.

The meeting was followed by a lovely Christmas meal and good fellowship. The next meeting will be following worship on January 6, 2019.

## —Equipping the Saints event—

Registration material, along with information on all workshops and speakers, is located on the bulletin table in the narthex. This is an annual event and we encourage all members to attend. There is no charge to ELCA members of the Bluebonnet Conference and only a \$10 charge per person to non-members. Non-members make checks payable to Blue bonnet Conference—ETS 2019. Preferred registration deadline is Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

## New members reception to be held February 10

Following the worship service on February 10, we will enjoy a reception in the parish hall honoring the newest members of St. Peter's.

Paisley Post was baptized on August 12, 2018 at St. Peter's.

Travis, Ashleigh, Brooke and Landon Post were received by Affirmation of Faith from First United Methodist Church of Portland and became members of St. Peter's on August 12, 2018.

Bryce Odem was baptized on August 19, 2018 at St. Peter's and his family, Mac, Jess, and Brooklyn Odem and Shane Davis, also became members of St. Peter's that morning by Affirmation of Faith.

St. Peter's is pleased to welcome our newest members and invite everyone to attend the reception in honor of all our new members.

## Thank You to St. Peter's members

Thank you for your Christmas wishes, cards, goodies, and the generous congregational Christmas gift given to us. We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Peter's family, and are excited about what the new year brings! *Pastor Anne and Jerry*



## EMOJI CHRISTMAS

By: Lana Jarzombek

The annual Christmas Program was presented during the worship service on December 16th. The program entitled "Emoji Christmas" was presented by our youth members. The Emoji Christmas Pageant was the brainchild of Dave, a smart phone user who decided to share the Christmas story with his friends and family using his favorite Emojis. Emojis took on the roles of the Angel, Herod, the Shepherds, and more as Dave used music and scripture to share the good news about the baby Jesus. The Congregation, along with youth, sang Christmas Songs throughout the program. A brunch was enjoyed by all following the Christmas Program. Cast members: Harley Jarzombek, Walker Wimberly, Kaysa Wunsch, Karolynn Youngblood, Maebyn Wunsch, Kade Irwin, Leighton Wunsch, and Marleigh Luker. Heartfelt thanks to everyone that was involved in and helped make the Christmas program a success. You are very much appreciated. St. Peter's is blessed to have many talented people that are willing to give of their time.

## 2019 Yearbooks will be available on February 3

St. Peter's 2019 Yearbooks will be ready for all members and associate members to pick up on February 3. Please check your membership file in the narthex for your 2019 St. Peter's Lutheran Church Yearbook.

# February 2019

**Sat Feb 2, 2019**

8:30am—4pm Equipping the Saints,  
Christ the Victor Lutheran Church,  
Victoria

**Sun Feb 3, 2019**

9am Worship service  
10:15am Sunday school classes  
10:15am Confirmation class

**Wed Feb 6, 2019**

6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible Study

**Sun Feb 10, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:00am Reception of new members  
10:30am Sunday school classes

**Tue Feb 12, 2019**

2pm Bible study for Women of the ELCA  
3pm Women of the ELCA meeting

**Wed Feb 13, 2019**

6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible Study

**Sun Feb 17, 2019**

9am Contemporary Worship service  
10:15am Sunday School

**Wed Feb 20, 2019**

9am Lutheran World Relief workday  
with stone soup for lunch  
6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible Study

**Sun Feb 24, 2019**

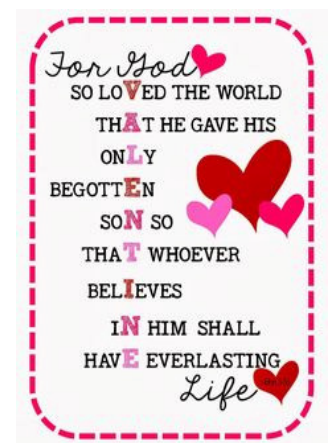
9am Communion service, followed by  
Annual Congregational meeting  
10:15am Youth activity

**Wed Feb 27, 2019**

6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible Study

**Thu Feb 28, 2019**

6:30pm Congregation Council meeting



## Reminder to sign-up on 2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 flower calendar for providing flowers for the altar has been posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If the flowers given for a particular Sunday are given in memory or in honor of particular persons, please inform the church office to have the information printed in the Sunday bulletin.

## Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting to be held February 24

The annual congregational meeting of St. Peter's Lutheran Church will be held following the 9 a.m. communion service on February 24, 2019. Copies of the 2018 Annual Report, including an agenda and supporting documents for the meeting, will be available in members' file folders on Sunday, February 17.



## March 6 begins Midweek Lenten services

Midweek Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. We hope to be doing these services together with Schroeder, Arneckeville, and maybe Coletoville, but need to wait for the results of their votes to consolidate and if we will be doing the services together or separately.



## Celebrate Bold Women's Day with a hat and by wearing red

On Sunday, February 24, a special bold women's litany will be included in the worship service as we celebrate Bold Women's Day, a celebration of all women and the many and diverse ways in which we act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. We encourage everyone to wear red and to wear a hat.

Whether women are professionals with careers or homemakers and caregivers, most are volunteers working many hours for both their church and community. Some are bold in conspicuous and visible ways while others are bold in quiet yet strong ways. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers, others in their service to those in need, and some are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. We invite women of all ages to reflect on the question, "How have I acted boldly on my faith in Jesus Christ?" Think about ways you can commit to acting boldly on your faith during the coming year. It's all about living out your baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.

## St. Peter's WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held

Bible Study for the Women of the ELCA, begins at 2 p.m. on February 12. The Bible study, from the January/February Gather Magazine, *Meetings with Jesus* session two, **By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus**, will be led by Linda Dornburg. For a copy of the Bible study, please call Kathy Albrecht at the church office. All are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship. The regular monthly meeting of St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will follow at 3 p.m.

## Lutheran World Relief workday will be held Feb. 20

We will be holding a Lutheran World Relief workday on February 20 at 9 a.m., with stone soup for lunch.

## Women of the ELCA Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering

**Date:** Saturday, March 9, 2019

**Hosted by:** St. John Lutheran Church, Westhoff & Lindenau

**Registration fee:** \$15

**Registration deadline:** February 25

**Time:** 8am Registration and Breakfast; Program, Lunch and Closing Service—9am-3pm

**Bible verse:** *"Let the little children come to me, don't stop them because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children."*

**Keynote Speaker:** Rev. Kara Joy Stewart, Campus Pastor, Texas Lutheran University

**Guest Speaker:** Kim Reeves, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch

Registration forms and more information have been posted on the bulletin board beside the kitchen. If you bring your registration form and a \$15 check, made payable to St. John Lutheran Church—WELCA, and give it to Kathy at the church office, a group registration can be mailed from St. Peter's.

Physical offerings for the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch will be collected and donated at the gathering. Requested items include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, scrubbies (mesh bath poufs), hair brushes, elastic ponytail holders, bath towels (solid colors), twin bed sheets, 6 First Aid Kits (state requires one in each vehicle), Band Aids, and Neosporin or any brand antibiotic ointment.

## Items for Lutheran World Relief continue being collected

We continue to collect items for the LWR baby care kits. Hand towels and soap are especially needed at this time. Please note that all sizes of bar soap in its original wrapper are accepted.



## Painted Churches tour planned for April 13

Linda Dornburg is chairing plans, with Rockport Tours, for a spring tour of four of the "Painted Churches." The Painted Churches of southern Fayette County feature ornate altars, intricately painted and stenciled ceilings and arches, and stained glass windows. Churches included in the tour are St. Mary's (High Hill), St. John the Baptist (Ammannsville), St. Cyril & Methodist (Dubina) and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Praha). The tour will be on Saturday, April 13, with pick-up at 9 a.m. at the Victoria Wal-Mart, 9002 N. Navarro. Cost will be \$49 per person. A stop for lunch will be made at a local establishment (on your own). If you are interested in participating in this tour, a sign-up sheet, on a clipboard, is on the table by the closet between the narthex and parish hall.



## Christian education meeting plans projects and activities while youth enjoy evening of games and snacks

By: Lana Jarzombek

The Christian Education Committee met on January 3<sup>rd</sup> while Youth Group members enjoyed an evening of games, fellowship, snacks and cookies & cocoa. A Valentine's Day Service Project was planned to create Valentine Cards for Nursing Home residents and/or Hospital patients. Sarah Brandes will coordinate with an agency to receive the valentine cards. The youth will have two opportunities to create the cards, on January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, both before Sunday School classes. The Easter Egg Hunt was set for

April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Look for more exciting information to come for this event. The youth group members will serve Easter breakfast before church on April 21<sup>st</sup>. May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Parade of Wheeled Things for all ages to celebrate the ending of the school year and the kick off of summer. Vacation Bible School will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with the closing on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Julie Franke will be sending out more information and requesting teacher and helper volunteers.



## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor

**Kathy Albrecht**  
Church Office Secretary

**Dorothy Bowman**  
Organist and Choir  
Director

## Congregation Council

**Brenda Bade**  
Secretary and Co-Chair of  
Christian Education  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**Eva Nell Griffith**  
President  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Linda Koehler**  
Chair of Worship and Music  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**Sherry Sanders**  
Chair of Outreach  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Ashford Taylor**  
Chair of Property  
(term ends 12/31/20)

**Terrell Wiggins**  
Chair of Safety  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Trey Wimberly**  
Chair of Stewardship and  
Finance  
(term ends 12/31/20)

**Leslie Wunsch**  
Co-Chair of Christian  
Education  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor (ex-officio)



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2-01 Cody Foil  
2-02 Troy Geary  
2-02 Grace Griffith  
2-02 Nicholas Smith  
2-02 Amy Wilburn  
2-04 Brooklyn Odem  
2-08 Jessica Griffith  
2-08 Jerry Kolmeier  
2-08 Wendi Yendrey  
2-09 Parker Post  
2-09 Paul Romine  
2-11 David Bowman  
2-12 Colin Burke  
2-12 Lyle Schendel  
2-13 Barry Geary  
2-16 Mike Abrameit  
2-24 Krayleigh Irwin  
2-28 Ainsley Yendrey  
2-29 Zaynee Parma



**St. Peter's Ander**



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

2-15-13 Danielle & Adam Egg  
2-21-09 Jenny & Sonny Wiggins  
2-27-93 Deborah & Ronnie Willms

*If any listings of birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing is missing, please contact the church office at 645-2922 or office@stpetersander.org*

## Thank You to St. Peter's Christmas carolers—

Dear St. Peter's Carolers,

Thank you so much for including me on your Christmas caroling again this year. I always enjoy it very much. Also, thank you for the bag of goodies and the beautiful poinsettia.

I still have the poinsettia from last year. I repotted it in a larger pot and it is growing like a weed. It should bloom real soon.

Thank each and every one of you again.

Your friend in Christ,  
Johnnie Faye Hausmann

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am  
Sunday School: 10:15am —  
11:30am (Sept. — May)

**Holy Communion:** second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of each month, throughout the Easter season, and on all festivals.

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through December 31, 2018

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018	\$67,326.56
Offerings	\$229,379.39
Cost of ministries	\$227,607.92
Ministry fund ending balance, December 31, 2018	\$69,098.03

*Note: St. Peter's Ministry Fund (previously known as the current fund and the general operating fund) includes all of St. Peter's regular, budgeted ministries, including ELCA Mission Support. It does not include designated gifts to the building fund, memorials, or other non-budgeted designated gifts.*





**Homebound: Barry Geary**, 1403 Gohmert Rd., Cuero, TX 77954,  
phone 361-275-5591

**Troy Berthold** – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball  
**Emily Brannon** – friend of Linda Koehler  
**June Bethke** – member of St. Peter's  
**Nate Boehl** – friend of Wunsch family  
**David Brogger** – Victoria police officer and cousin of Lethie Albrecht, Ray and Kathy Albrecht's sister-in-law  
**Dwane Bruns** – brother of Deanna Wacker  
**Dawn Butler** – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin  
**Pearl Caldwell** – sister of Allen Jank  
**David Dierlam** – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball  
**Slade Doehrman** – cousin of Ray Albrecht  
**Wilburn Eckhardt** – Leslie Wunsch's sister-in-law's father  
**Denise Engle** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Joyce Foster** – grandmother of Shelby Foster  
**Family of Amy Franke** – sister-in-law of Clayton Franke and Allison Ball  
**Robbie Friedrichs** – friend of June Bethke  
**Ainsley Garza** – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith  
**Barry Geary** – member of St. Peter's  
**Family of Emlyn Gill** – friend of Geraldine and Fritz Sturm  
**Rebecca Graves** – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest  
**Wilma Grupe** – aunt of Karie Wimberly  
**Milton Haas** – friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest  
**Stefani Hargrove** – friend of Karen Klinkerman  
**The Rev. Bill Hassel** – retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor  
**John Hausmann** – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank  
**Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret Luker  
**Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer** – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade  
**Betty Jacob** – friend of June Bethke  
**Ryan Janak** – ten year old nephew of Leo Henke  
**Melita Keith** – friend of Margaret Luker  
**Cullen Kickendahl** – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl

**Alvin Krueger** – father of David Krueger  
**Family of Amy Lott** – friend of Margaret Luker  
**Jo Nell Martin** – friend of community  
**Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin  
**Family of Lyndon Meyer** – son of Lavon and Lee Meyer, grandson of Margie Drier  
**Sydney Morris** – sister of Jess Odem  
**Tom Morris** – member of St. Peter's  
**Kevin Mozisek** – friend of Lana and Gary Jarzombek  
**Andy and Stephanie Navas** – granddaughter of Geraldine and Fritz Sturm  
**Cole Ohrt** – friend of community  
**Family of Ruth Pieper** – friend of the community  
**Mary Poppert** – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest  
**Jose Reyes** – friend of Shelby Foster  
**Marcus Rezendez** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Edna May Riggs** – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
**James Rung** – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend  
**Jenny Sanders** – daughter of Sherry and Sandy Sanders  
**Billy Charles Scott** – cousin of Leslie Wunsch  
**Allen Sheppard** – husband of Tana Sue (Karnei) and friend of Wanda & Lyle Schendel  
**Bonnie Staha** – friend of Jamie Friedrichs  
**Bobbi Stiles** – great aunt of Shelby Foster  
**Fritz Sturm** – member of St. Peter's  
**Family of Gail Turley** – aunt of Ashford Taylor  
**Victor Vargas** – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife  
**Family of Anita Wagner** – Linnea Griffith's grandmother  
**Rob Wall** – son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy  
**Rebecca Weise** – friend of Jim and Beverly Martin  
**Mike Wilburn** – member of St. Peter's  
**Rebecca Wisnoski** – friend of Lana Jarzombek and Wendi Yendrey  
**Jim Worley** – friend of Lana and Gary Jarzombek



Christian Sympathy is expressed to the Franke family, upon the death of Amy Franke, wife of Aaron Franke and sister-in-law of Clayton Franke and Allison Ball. Amy passed away on

January 8 and the funeral service was held January 14 at The First Baptist Church in Goliad, with burial at St. Luke's Cemetery in Schroeder.

Christian Sympathy is expressed upon the death of Gail Turley, aunt of Ashford Taylor, who passed away on January 16. The funeral service will be held on January 26 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Goliad.

Christian Sympathy is expressed upon the death of Anita Wagner, Linnea Griffith's grandmother who lived in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey. She passed away on January 20 and her funeral will be held on Saturday, January 26.

*"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."*

*Deuteronomy 33:27a*

Lord,  
 Give me a servant's  
 heart, Not serving for  
 my own glory.  
 But only so that  
 You might  
 be seen  
 in me.



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## Worship Leaders for February

### ALTAR GUILD

June Bethke and Jamie Friedrichs

### OFFERING COUNTERS

Billy Dornburg and Lindsey Youngblood

### GREETERS

Gayle Albrecht and Valerie Albrecht

### USHERS

Billy Dornburg and Linda Dornburg

### FLOWERS

2-3 open  
2-10 open  
2-17 Kathy Albrecht  
2-24 open

### MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Aldon Bade

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Arlene DeForest and Wendi Yendrey

